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SUBJ: SEIZED U. S. VESSELS: JACQUELINE A CATCH CONTAMINATED

1. CON OFF REPORTS FROM MANTA THAT OFFLOADING OF JACQUELINE A. STOPPED AFTERNOON MARCH 7 BECAUSE FISH FOUND CONTAMINATED WITH FUEL. APPARENTLY 50-75 TONS SKIPJACK FROM WELLS FROMERLY USED FOR FUEL STORAGE HAVE OIL RESIDUE AND ODOR DUE INCOMPLETE CLEANING. NAVY OFFICIALS ONLY CONCERNED WHETHER FISH EDIBLE OR NOT AND ARE RUNNING TASTE AND LABORATORY TESTS. HOWEVER, OWNER OF RAFRANCO PLANT WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY MORE FISH FROM BOAT EVEN IF FOUND EDIBLE BECAUSE HE RESIDUE WOULD CONTAMINATE PROCESSING FACILITIES.

2. ZAPATA REP SOUSA EN ROUTE MANTA CURRENTLY UNAWARE OF THIS PROBLEM. IF FISH DECLARED UNACCEPTABLE, ZAPATA MAY BE ORDERED TO BUY BACK IN ACCORDANCE ECUADOREAN REGULATIONS. SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO ALLEGATIONS OF WILLFUL CONTAMINATION BUT TEMPER ARE EDGY. ONE TRUCKLOAD WHICH WAS REJECTED BY PLANT WAS NOT TAKEN BACK BY BOAT EITHER, AND REMAINS ON DOCK SPOILING.
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